CLAIMS

We claim:

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- 1. A portable wireless self-contained signal transceiver comprising:
 - a) at least one directional antenna capable of both transmitting and receiving signals;
 - b) a robotic antenna-pointing system configured to point the at least one directional antenna at a desired communications target;
 - c) control communications means for accepting remote instructions from a user;
 - at least one antenna with corresponding electronics package and signal processing and signal transformation computing capability; and
 - e) a local power supply.
- 2. The signal transceiver of Claim 1 in which the robotic antenna-pointing system additionally comprises a self-locating subsystem and a self-leveling subsystem.
- 3. The signal transceiver of Claim 2 in which the robotic antenna-pointing system additionally comprises a subsystem for locating a target satellite antenna using system location data and the ephemeris or ephemerides of at least one target satellite antenna.
 - 4. The signal transceiver of Claim 2 in which the robotic antenna-pointing system self-locating subsystem comprises a receiver for location information received from a system selected from the group GPS and GLONASS.
 - 5. The signal transceiver of Claim 1 in which the at least one antenna with corresponding

electronics package and signal processing and signal transformation computing capability is selected from a group of types of at least one antenna with corresponding electronics package and signal processing and signal transformation computing capability consisting of RF, analog, digital, modulated voice, picture, and data.

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- 6. A portable wireless self-contained signal transceiver comprising:
 - a) a lower assembly;
 - b) an upper assembly; and
 - c) a power supply.

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- 7. The portable wireless self-contained signal transceiver of Claim 6 in which the lower assembly comprises:
 - a) a turntable;
 - b) an azimuth motor;
- c) an elevation motor;
 - d) an elevation gear reducer;
 - e) an absolute position encoder;
 - f) a commutating rotary connector;
 - g) a stow sensor; and
- 20 h) a docking control board module.

- 8. The portable wireless self-contained signal transceiver of Claim 6 in which the upper assembly comprises:
 - a) at least on antenna element;
 - b) an inclinometer;
 - c) a magnetometer;

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- d) a skew motor;
- e) at least one communications protocol support device; and
- f) an RF remote control receiver.
- 9. The portable wireless self-contained signal transceiver of Claim 6 additionally comprising a server computer.
 - 10. The portable wireless self-contained signal transceiver of Claim 6 in which the server computer is a PC.
 - 11. The portable wireless self-contained signal transceiver of Claim 6 additionally comprising an operating system that controls the deployment and pointing of the portable wireless self-contained signal transceiver.
- 20 12. The operating system of Claim 11 additionally comprising a TCP/IP listener.
 - 13. The operating system of Claim 11 additionally comprising a GPS subsystem.